

1 **Abstract of the Invention**

2       An improved plastic basket shopping cart includes a cart base  
3 having an upwardly extending rear frame section with a handle and  
4 at least three wheels rotatably mounted on the cart base. A  
5 generally rectangular box shaped plastic basket is mounted on the  
6 cart base, and includes a base wall, left and right side walls and  
7 a front wall, the side walls and the front wall having a plurality  
8 of generally rectangular wall openings having a height greater than  
9 their width, excepting those wall openings adjacent the base wall  
10 being generally square in shape for improved structural strength.  
11 Rear flange sections extend outwards and rearwards from the side  
12 walls to substantially cover the gaps between the side walls and  
13 the rear frame section. Finally, a basket rim support wire extends  
14 circumferentially around and through upper portions of the side  
15 walls and front wall and connects to the rear frame section.